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Citizens Beware of Jury Duty Scam

This has been verified by the FBI, their link is also included below. It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call. Most of us take those summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty that a new and ominous kind of fraud has surfaced.

The caller claims to be a **Jury Duty** coordinator. If you protest and say that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your **Social Security** number and **date of birth** so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant they threaten to issue.

If you give out any of this information, your identity was just stolen.

The fraud has been reported so far in **11 states**, including Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado, Arizona and more. This (swindle) is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they are with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

Check it out here: http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm

And here: http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp>